

### **R E M A R K S**

Claims 1-15, 17, 18 and 24-35 are presented for reconsideration.

In the **Final Rejection**, claim 8 was objected to for informalities and claims 1, 31 and 32 were rejected on the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 19 and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,975. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 2-15, 17, 18, 24-30 and 33-35 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

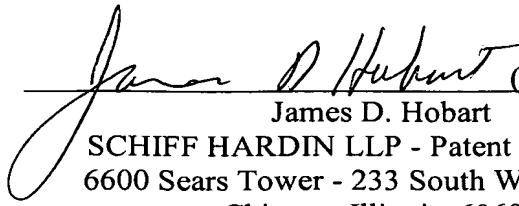
By this amendment, claim 8 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.321(c) and a check for \$130 required by 37 CFR 1.20(d). This Terminal Disclaimer by the Assignee of the present application disclaims any portion of a patent issuing on the present application over the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,975. The Terminal Disclaimer also agrees that any patent granted on this application should be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title of said patent shall be the same as the legal title of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,975.

It is respectfully submitted that with the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, the double-patenting rejection has been overcome and that claims 1, 31 and 32 are allowable along with claims 2-15, 17, 18, 24-30 and 33-35.

In view of the amendments and explanations contained hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for immediate formal allowance and further reconsideration to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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